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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Almighty God, strong is Your justice, penetrating all human events and evaluating all human endeavors. Great is Your mercy for each of us as we stand before You today.

Grant the Members of the House of Representatives freedom of spirit; that each may act with a well-formulated conscience and discern the far-reaching consequences of every decision that is made.

While here, working in the public service of the Nation, everything that is done is viewed by all and open to review by others. But far greater is Your judgment, Lord.

Aware that all must appear before Your judgment seat and each will receive recompense according to what he or she did while in Your service, we ask You, O Lord, to grant the vision of faith and trust in Your great mercy now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from California (Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain five 1-minute speeches on each side.

PRAISING HOUSE REPUBLICANS FOR GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the Republican leadership and my Republican colleagues in the House for the tremendous work we have done ahead of the August recess. The work we have done will have an immediate positive effect on the lives of my constituents.

First off, we enacted effective immigration control with the passage of the REAL ID Act. We also took action to stem the tide of China's unfair trade practices. We are taking the necessary first steps to ensure our domestic manufacturers have a level playing field to compete on.

The passage of the National Energy Policy also symbolizes new economic opportunities for my district. Not only does it decrease our dependence on foreign energy supply, it will boost our economy by providing up to \$10 billion in tax incentives for renewable, reusable energy sources. This will create new markets and possibilities for our farmers.

Today we will greatly improve health care by passing H.R. 5. Health care dollars should be spent on patients in the operating room, not on lawyers in the courtroom.

Mr. Speaker, these are just a few of the many great accomplishments we have made. As we head into August recess, I look forward to building on that progress with my Republican colleagues.

URGING SUPPORT FOR THE THRIVE ACT OF 2005

(Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, 45,000 adult Americans die every year from infectious diseases that could have been prevented by a simple vaccination. Tragically, 40 percent of adults in our country are underimmunized for preventable diseases such as influenza and hepatitis B. The consequences are unnecessary pain, suffering, and loss of life at a cost of more than \$10 billion a year to society.

To address this tragedy, I am introducing the THRIVE Act of 2005 with the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) as part of National Immunization Month. The THRIVE Act authorizes CDC to develop immunization guidelines and increase patient outreach and provider outreach. It directs the Secretary of HHS to launch a national media campaign about the value of adult immunizations, and it establishes a pilot project to distribute influenza vaccine for uninsured, at-risk adults.

The THRIVE Act of 2005 is a critical step towards reducing vaccine-preventable deaths in our country, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

MESSAGE ON MTBE: BAD LAW IS NOT CONGRESS'S FAULT

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I am going to support the energy bill later today, but I am amazed that Democrats in this town have convinced the majority party that law-abiding citizens must clean up Congress's mess.

When Congress mandated use of cleaner-burning gas, MTBE was the

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